

SUMTER COUNTY ORDINANCE 2010-

AN ORDINANCE OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I OF THE SUMTER COUNTY CODE WITH THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sumter County Fire Rescue Advisory Board has determined that it can operate more efficiently by utilizing a bimonthly meeting schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Article I, Section 8-3(d) of the Sumter County Code is stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

(d) *Advisory board.* There is hereby created a Sumter County Fire Rescue Advisory Board (advisory board), the purpose of which is to provide input for the public interest to the fire chief and the county concerning issues related to fire prevention and protection and the consolidated fire rescue service. Each city and each unincorporated area of the county that formerly operated independent fire departments, namely Oxford, Royal, Lake Panasoffkee, Tri-County, and Croom-a-Coochee, having become a part of the consolidated department will be entitled to one (1) voting position on the advisory board and will select its voting member and alternate to the advisory board through its own means, policies, and procedures so long as the person appointed is a resident of Sumter County. The alternate position shall fill the voting member position in the event of the voting member's absence. Absence is defined by the voting member not being present for the roll call to determine the quorum before any action occurs by the advisory board. The county will appoint one (1) voting member and alternate to the advisory board, who shall not be the fire chief. The maximum number of members on the advisory board will be eleven (11) members and eleven (11) alternates. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members. A simple majority of the voting members present at any meeting will be required for actions or recommendations to pass. The advisory board is subject to all rules, regulations and statutes applying to advisory boards in Sumter County, Florida, including open meeting and public records requirements. The advisory board shall meet bi-monthly, with proper public notice. The advisory board may schedule additional meetings, as it deems necessary, with due public notice. The advisory board will select its own chairperson and vice chairperson. Any member or alternate of the advisory board or the fire chief may request items to be placed on the agenda. Actions and recommendations of the advisory board will be

forwarded to the county administrator and the county. The advisory board shall not have authority to enter into inter-local agreements, contracts or other binding legal documents on behalf of the county.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION.

It is the intention of the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Sumter County Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word or phrase and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given the effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provision of this act are declared severable.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect on March 9, 2010.

DONE AND ORDAINED this ____ day of _____ 2010, in regular session by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners in Bushnell, Florida.

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)

By: Doug Gilpin
Chairman